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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 744  
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A RESOLUTION to designate September 11, 2002, as  
"Firefighters' Day in Tennessee".

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom; the men and women who serve as firefighters have chosen a profession which more than occasionally places them in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's more than 30,000 firefighters, in 670 full-time and volunteer departments, who are the first called to save lives and treat the injured during catastrophic events, have too often been taken for granted in the past; and

WHEREAS, the abrupt and brutal attacks upon the World Trade Center in New York City and on the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C. on the morning of September 11, 2001, brought into sudden sharp focus our dependence upon our national, state, and local firefighters; and

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WHEREAS, the heroic actions of the Fire Department of New York, that unflinchingly raced to help those in need at the cost of staggering loss of life, inspired all who witnessed their actions even as they mourned the terrible human loss; and

WHEREAS, the horrific scale of the number of casualties reminds us of the heroism evinced daily by firefighters as they selflessly risk life and limb to protect their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to honor the gallant service of those who died responding to the events of September 11, 2001, as well as that of all the firefighters who serve their communities and neighbors honorably and courageously; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate September 11, 2002, as "Firefighters' Day in Tennessee," in honor of the brave and valiant service rendered by the valiant and dedicated firefighters throughout this state and our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.